

Remarks

The renumbering of misnumbered claims 26 and 27 as claims 28 and 29, respectively, is noted with appreciation, as is the allowance or indicated allowability of claims 8, 9 and 19-27.


By way of the foregoing amendments, allowable claims 8, 19 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 2-7, 9-18 and 20-23 either depend from or have been amended to depend from one of the allowable independent claims. Accordingly, claims 2-24 should now be allowed along with claims 25-27.

Claims 28 and 29 also are believed to be allowable inasmuch as they were not rejected nor any reasons given as to why they were indicated to be objected to on the cover sheet of the Office Action, except perhaps because of the misnumbering problem which the Examiner corrected.

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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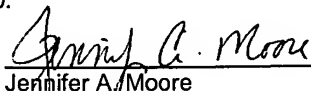
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